

STATE DRY LAWS INVOLVED IN FIGHT ON LIQUOR SALES

New York Arrests 50 Under Tax Statute, Jersey Uses the Crimes Act.

CONFERENCE FRUITLESS City, State and U. S. Officials Fail to Devise Any Plan of Cooperation.

DRY AGENT IS CONVICTED Man Who Accepted Bribe of \$200 Sent to Atlanta for Eighteen Months.

Police officials said yesterday that there had been fifty arrests under the Walker liquor tax act by men of the uniformed and plainclothes force since November 20, when John A. Leach, then Acting Police Commissioner, announced that the department had received an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, which held that, according to judicial opinion so far handed down in this State, the Walker law is still in effect in so far as it prohibits the sale of liquor without a license.

There has been, the police say, at least one arrest in each inspection district, with a view to having the cases come up for trial in as many courts as possible. It is understood that the department is making no effort to pile up a large number of cases, because there is some doubt whether it will be possible to obtain convictions under the Walker act, and that care is being taken to present only cases in which the evidence is of the strongest. So far only one case under the act has reached court, and that was dismissed for lack of evidence.

No Definite Plan Worked Out. On November 16, a little more than three weeks ago, there was a conference between representatives of the Police Department, the county District Attorneys, the United States Attorneys and the State Attorney-General's office, at which two plans for cooperation with the Federal authorities in the enforcement of the Federal prohibition act, one concerted action on the part of State, county and city officials. The other was for police enforcement of the State liquor tax law. Nothing was determined upon at that conference. No date was set for another. It was understood by all those present that they were to "take the matter under consideration."

Laverty Gets Prison Sentence. Benson Laverty, the prohibition enforcement agent who was charged with accepting a \$200 bribe from the proprietor of a roadhouse at Hallett avenue and Fresh Pond road, Queens, was found guilty of extortion yesterday before Judge Chaffin in the United States District Court in Brooklyn. He was sentenced to serve eighteen months in the Federal prison at Atlanta.

The sentence was followed by another jail sentence for a prisoner convicted of violating the Volstead act. Judge Chaffin gave William Wers, who has a saloon at Prospect Park West and Fifthteenth street, Brooklyn, six months and fined him \$500. His bartender, John Dempsey, was sentenced to five days in jail and a fine of \$100. Wers pleaded guilty to selling liquor for the third time.

New Jersey's first jail sentence in the recent roundup of liquor dealers was imposed yesterday by Judge Peter F. Daly in New Brunswick, who gave Frank Kwiatkowski of South Amboy one month in jail and fined him \$1,000. Kwiatkowski pleaded guilty to a charge of selling liquor in violation of the New Jersey crimes act, under which many convictions are now being obtained in New Jersey as under the Federal statute.

Enforcement agents, under the direction of Acting Federal Supervising Enforcement Agent Knox B. Phelan, seized more than 125,000 worth of bottled whiskey in the Lackawanna freight yards yesterday. The bottles were already secured in barrels marked "empty bottles." About 200 barrels marked in this fashion had been brought to the yards during the day. The agents found that the filled bottles had been packed in thirty-seven barrels, while the actual empty bottles filled 163 barrels. The consignment was so arranged as to avoid detection ordinarily. The consignee and consignee were not known.

PROBE SOLDIER STORY OF HOSPITAL BEATING Report Expected To-day on Staten Island Charges.

A court of inquiry held yesterday in the Fox Hills hospital for disabled soldiers on Staten Island will report to-day concerning the charge of a soldier there that he was beaten by a guard as he lay in bed.

BOSTON 'RECORD' TO ONE CENT. Pages to "Convenient Size" and Reduced in Number. Boston, Dec. 10.—The Boston Evening Record announced to-day that beginning next Monday its price would be reduced from two cents to one. The paper will be reduced to a "convenient size" and the number of pages will be increased to a minimum of sixteen and may run to forty-eight daily.

5 DAY TO LEARN ENGLISH IMMIGRANT BOY'S TASK

Little Hungarian Will Cross the Continent to Join Parents and Hopes to Say: "Hello Pop!"

Josef Laczko, a little Magyar of 13 years, who has acquired in his wanderings about Europe for the last eight years five languages, including Italian, German and French, arrived yesterday from Hamburg by the American liner Mongolia brightly confident that within two weeks he would be able to speak American fluently enough to talk with any ordinary native. His father is learning languages and he has a system of his own that he says never fails. He hopes before he reaches the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laczko, at Whittier, Cal., where his father works for the Vacuum Oil Company, to be able to greet them in the tongue of this country.

Josef, who later will become just Joseph, like his father, has not seen his parents in eight years. They came over here, becoming American citizens, leaving the boy with relatives in Hungary.

ELDER WILL OPPOSE DENSEL'S RETURN Presiding Church Officer Says Pastor Will Be Denied Right to Preach.

John Rose, presiding elder of the Netherlands Reformed Church at Passaic, N. J., said yesterday that he would oppose any effort to reinstate the Rev. Cornelius Densel as pastor of the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Densel returned to his wife and eight children late Wednesday night after a mysterious absence of more than a month. Miss Trina Hennenberg, a member of the church, and prominent in the sewing circle, also returned to her home. They disappeared at the same time, after the Rev. Mr. Densel and left a letter resigning his pastorate.

"I have heard of a movement to reinstate Mr. Densel," said Mr. Rose. "But I for one will oppose it. I cannot understand the action of our pastor, and I can't understand how he got up enough nerve to come back."

Mr. Rose declared last night that at a meeting of the church class last Saturday night, it was voted unanimously to oust the preacher because of his mysterious absence. The class includes not only the Passaic church, but a church in Prospect Park and two in Paterson. Before the minister can be reinstated, Mr. Rose said, he must have the approval of the class as well as the consistory of the Passaic church.

"It will be a long time, in my opinion," said Mr. Rose, "before Mr. Densel will ever again be granted the right to preach in the pulpit."

"All the ministers in the country, not only of our denomination but all others, are watching us, and we also watch them. I do not think Mr. Densel will be allowed to return to the church. After members of the consistory think over the matter they will stand as a unit with me. I lose every gray hair in my head. I am going to see this thing come out right. We are going to stand with God."

DEFENDS PEASANTS IN SEIZING ITALIAN LAND Act Not Bolshevik, Asserts Vittorio Falorsi.

There was nothing of a Communist, Socialist or Bolshevik nature about the revolt of Italian working classes last summer, according to Vittorio Falorsi, formerly attached to the Italian Embassy in Washington, in an address to guests of the Italy-America Society at luncheon in the Bankers' Club yesterday.

"Actually, the taking over of the factories by the workers resulted in a slight raise in wages for the laborers, and in the admission that the workers were entitled to know what the conditions of profit or loss are in the industry in which they work," said Mr. Falorsi. "I do not attempt to disguise the fact that this is a movement which aims at giving the working man a larger share of the profits of industry."

WAR DEAD WELL CARED FOR. Massachusetts Board Returns From Viewing Cemeteries. Boston, Dec. 10.—The Memorial Commission for the Massachusetts Dead in Foreign Countries returned on the steamship Canopus to-day after a three month tour overseas, reporting that they found the overseas dead generally well cared for.

TWO AND BIGAMY LAID TO SCHAEFFER

Two Women Say Candy Store Man Wed Them and Took Their Money.

MAY BE FOUR OTHERS Made Love in Same Way, Say the Alleged Wives, Comparing Notes.

Lawrence A. Schaeffer, president of the Chain Candy Stores at 121 Madison avenue and a stock promoter, with offices in 30 Broad street, was yesterday held for the Grand Jury in \$50,000 bail by Magistrate Douras in the West Side Court on charges of bigamy and grand larceny. Two women who assert Schaeffer married them and took their money appeared as complainants, J. H. Gilbert of 229 West Forty-second street, counsel for the two alleged wives, told the court he was investigating a report that Schaeffer married a third woman in Philadelphia, in 1917, and that he may have a fourth wife in Bridgeport, Conn., and two more in Brooklyn, making an even half dozen in all.

Schaeffer has been living in a well furnished apartment at 230 West Seventy-third street with Estelle Farrell Schaeffer, who says she was married to him by the Rev. Father Patrick Hickey at 100 West Forty-second street, in 1917. She said she was married to him by the Rev. Father Patrick Hickey at 100 West Forty-second street, in 1917. She said she was married to him by the Rev. Father Patrick Hickey at 100 West Forty-second street, in 1917.

More than a score of witnesses were summoned yesterday by the defense. Those who testified for the most part were newspaper men, who had been in the city during the regime of Dr. Rumely.

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A sentence of three years and nine months in State's Prison was imposed yesterday by Judge John F. McIntyre in General Sessions upon Jacobo Ossbaum, alias Charles Greenberg, and also known as "The Boy Burglar," who is 15 years old, pleaded guilty to burglary in the third degree, the charge growing out of a robbery which he committed, in company with another man, at the apartment of Mrs. Edith Kingsley, at 505 West 187th street, on October 9.

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BROOKLYN HOSPITAL HAS TOO MANY GOATS

Community Scheme Carried Too Far, Say Officials.

The authorities of the Peck Memorial Hospital in Brooklyn have made direct appeal to Borough President Riordan in the matter of several score of goats which are maintained as domestic animals in the neighborhood of the institution and which have been making the hospital lavans their banqueting place.

The hospital is at Albany avenue and Crown street, and in its immediate neighborhood are the homes of many persons of European birth or extraction who cling to the idea that the milk of goats is the only proper food for children of tender age and that its flesh is a delicacy and far more nourishing than every morning to turn their goats loose upon Brooklyn at large.

HENRY FORD SOUGHT IN TRIAL OF RUMELY Government Agents Wait for His Private Car in Wset to Serve Subpoena.

United States special agents, it was learned yesterday, are seeking Henry Ford to serve him with a subpoena to appear as a Government witness in the trial of Dr. Edward Rumely, former publisher of the Evening Mail.

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MESSENGERS DUMB DURING ROBBERY

Two Boys Made No Outcry When Attacked and Deprived of \$1,587.

STUNNED, THEY EXPLAIN Newsboy Saw a Scuffle but Did Not Suspect a Holdup.

Two messengers for the C. C. Kerr Company, investment securities brokers of 2 Rector place, left the office shortly before noon yesterday with a check drawn for \$1,577.32 for the weekly payroll and a personal check for \$9.90 written by one of the employees of the company. They carried a leather brief case in which to bring the money back from the Mechanics and Metals Bank, 20 Nassau street. The messengers were Alexander Buschko, 532 East 148th street, 19 years old, and Henry Riccardi, 17 years old, 719 East 219th street.

They obtained the money and started back, and as they stepped from the curb at the northeast corner of Rector street and Trinity place Buschko was set upon by two unknown assailants, according to the story he related to detectives from the Old Slip precinct. He was struck on the head, and the brief case, which contained the money, was torn from his hand. Riccardi says he was struck also, probably with a blackjack. Both were stunned and frightened, they said, but neither was knocked down. One of the assailants dashed into the subway kiosk at the street intersection and disappeared. The other got away in the noisy crowd. When they were attacked they made no outcry, the boys said, because they were unarmed. Their assailants, too, robbed them without a word or command, then fled. Riccardi hurried upstairs to tell Mr. Kerr of the robbery. Buschko entered the subway, but he says he saw no one who answered the description of either of the men who attacked him.

N. Y.-SEATTLE WIRE BREAKS LAND RECORD 3,200 Mile 'Two Channel' Is Put in Operation.

New York and Seattle were joined yesterday in instantaneous telegraphic communication over a single wire of the Western Union system. This is the longest single land connection known in the world of telegraphy. Within the last year direct communication with Los Angeles and San Francisco has been established but the new line opened yesterday is longer by 200 miles than the San Francisco circuit.

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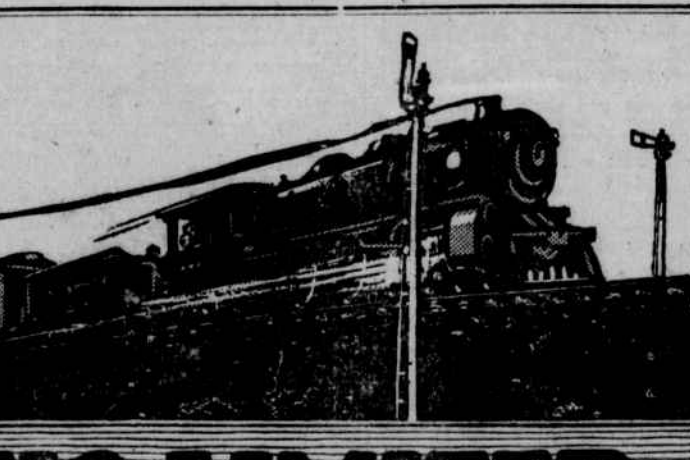
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